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Project Newsletter: July 2015



Greetings from us all here in Cardiff! Our cover photo this month is the EPIC Consortium, taken during our Consortium Meeting held 9th-10th June 2015 at Cardiff Metropolitan University. A very big thank you to all who attended and contributed, the meeting was a great success!



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Consortium Meeting

The EPIC Consortium met to discuss the progress and achievements of the project thus far and also to plan ahead for the final year of the project, with a particular emphasis on the dissemination of the project's results and future sustainability.

There were presentations from the coordinator to update the Consortium on the current status of the EPIC project and also on methods of engagement with scholars and ensuring results of the project are recorded and disseminated. All partner universities presented their experiences of the project, telling us about their scholars and the effects of Erasmus Mundus on their institutions. The presentations generated lots of interesting ideas and discussions that it is hoped we can build on in this final year of the project.

We were also joined by EPIC scholars Ms. Rouba Chbeir from Lebanon who has just completed her Masters studies at Cardiff Met and Dr. Paul Barrett from Cardiff who spent 6 months at the University St. Joseph, Beirut on a post doctorate scholarship. Both gave excellent presentations on their experiences of being an EPIC scholar.



Dr. Paul Barrett from Cardiff, who spent 6 months at the University of St Joseph.



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EPIC Consortium Meeting

The EPIC Consortium Meeting was held alongside the Consortium Meeting for EU-METALIC, a project also coordinated by Cardiff Met and which works with the North Africa region. On Day 2, the projects joined together for a session on academic recognition, with guest presentations from Ms. Dominique D'Arripe from the University of Liège on the EGRACONS project and Ms. Valentina Manzato from the University of Bologna on the RECONOW project. We were also joined by Dr Yasser El Shayeb from the Erasmus+ National Agency in Egypt to discuss future funding opportunities under Erasmus+ and Mr Huw Hughes of Cardiff Met on Horizon 2020.



Delegates from the EPIC and EU-METALIC Consortium Meetings held at Cardiff Met's Cardiff School of Management in June 2015.

We look forward to what will hopefully be a very successful final year of the EPIC Project and thank all partners for their ongoing support.



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Scholar experiences

Our Cohort 2 undergraduate scholars are completing their mobilities this month and we have received some very positive feedback already from them. Sergio Salinas Gonzalez from the University of Salamanca spent 10 months at the University of Jordan. Sergio sent us these photos of him and his new friends enjoying Jordan!



Wazen Shbair, a Palestinian Doctorate scholar at the University of Lorraine, organised a cultural event called "Printemps de la Palestine 2015" (The Spring of Palestine). Wazen showed photos of life in Gaza as part of this event.



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Scholar experiences continued...

Hamza Takrouy, a Jordanian Doctorate scholar at the University of Lorraine sent us this photo of his research group. Hamza has also worked with the University of Freiburg in Germany as part of the "Brainstorm" workshops.



And finally, a big congratulations to Diala Aldourich, a Syrian undergraduate who completed her studies at Politecnico di Torino!



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Staff scholars

We are now just one year away from the end of the EPIC project which means that our remaining staff scholars have just under one year left to mobilise! All universities will have now received lists of incoming and outgoing staff scholars who are yet to mobilise. We would appreciate everyone's efforts in encouraging these scholars to make plans for their mobility as soon as possible. This is the last academic year for staff to take their scholarship and we all know how busy the academic year becomes so early planning is very important!

Future newsletters

We would like to have features from universities and scholars in future editions of this newsletter. If you have anything to add or can recommend any scholars who would like to write a short feature then please do get in touch! Email: epic@cardiffmet.ac.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great summer break.

Here's to a successful final year of EPIC!



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